GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF LOW ASH COAL TO POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Ltd.(CIL) has offered to supply low ash coal by blending high ash coal with low ash coal to power plants;

(b) if so, whether all the power plants in the public sector have agreed to this proposal;

(c) if so, the time by which the CIL is likely to start supply such low ash content coal to power plants;

(d) whether it would involve any difference in price of coal;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the capacity of CIL to supply such coal to power plants during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): No such offer has been made by CIL during the current year.

(b)to(f): However, Ministry of Environment & Forest has issued a notification for use of coal having less than 34% ash by power stations located more than 1000 kilometers from the pithead or located in urban and sensitive areas. The notification was recently extended and now will come into effect from 1.6.2002 . In order to supply coal of less than 34% ash, Coal India Limited, in consultation with Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority and concerned power stations, has prepared a matrix for supply of coal. Blending, wherever necessary, would, however be done by the power plants.